

REMARKS:

- 1) Referring to item 10) of the Office Action Summary, please accept the Drawings originally filed on September 24, 2004.
- 2) Minor clerical corrections have been made in the specification at page 2, lines 5 and 6, without introducing any new matter. Please enter these specification amendments.
- 3) Claim 4 has been amended editorially to make clear that the extension of the second superabrasive layer extends radially closer to the inner periphery than do radially innermost portions of adjacent ones of the slots. This feature is supported in the original disclosure of the drawings (for example see Figs. 1, 2 and 10) in connection with the written description, for example page 8 line 26 to page 9 line 2. As shown, for example, the extension (4a) of the second superabrasive layer (4) extends radially closer to the inner periphery of the blade than do radially innermost portions of the adjacent slots (7). Thus, the clarification of claim 4 does not introduce any new matter. Entry of the claim amendment is respectfully requested.
- 4) Referring to the top of page 2 of the Office Action, the rejection of claim 4 as indefinite under 35 USC 112(2) has been taken into account in the present amendment. The asserted unclear language has been avoided. It is respectfully submitted that claim 4 now defines a clear and definite relationship. Please withdraw the rejection under 35 USC 112(2).

5) Referring to the middle of page 2 of the Office Action, the allowance of claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 12, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 4, are appreciated. The allowable subject matter has been maintained in these claims. Claim 4 has been clarified to overcome the indefiniteness rejection, as discussed above. Thus, all claims 1 to 12 should now be allowable.

6) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 12, are respectfully requested.

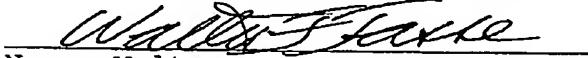
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